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Progress report for June 1950

1. FBID coverage of the Korean action and reactions thereto has been prompt and adequate. Coverage of both North and South Korean by the Okinawa Bureau has been expanded to include all broadcasts by transmitters on either side. Prompt watch has been established on the principle frequencies of all Korean radios during hours when the stations are normally off the air for the purpose of recording unscheduled broadcasts. Military reporting has kept pace with the public press; other information has been exclusive or has anticipated public services by as much as twenty-four hours. The outgoing wire has maintained continuous service to all terminals.

2. The anticipated recruitment of an additional Korean monitor in Tokyo to function temporarily at the Tokyo Bureau as an emergency measure is expected to relieve the burden of the overloaded Korean staff of the Okinawa Bureau.

3. Transfer of all Indochinese coverage from the Tokyo Bureau, where it has been carried on temporarily for several months as an emergency measure, to the Okinawa Bureau was completed during June after the arrival and preliminary training of the second recruit from Indochina.

4. On 15 June the Tokyo Bureau inaugurated coverage of the new Peking, thrice weekly broadcast to Tibet in the Tibetan language.

5. The special reports listed below were prepared for the White House. These reports, excepting those listed in paragraphs a and b, were subsequently reproduced as OO-F Information Reports:

a. "Foreign Radio Reactions to Secretary Acheson's Report to Congress."

b. "Soviet Radio Reactions to Secretary Acheson's Recent Report and the President's Arms Aid Message to Congress."

c. "Foreign Radio Reactions to the President's Recent St. Louis speech."

d. "Foreign Radio Reactions to the Invasion of South Korea."

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e. "Foreign Radio Reactions to the Situation in Korea."

f. "Foreign Radio Reactions to the Korean Situation and the President's Decision." (Three Reports)

6. At the request of ORZ and OSO, a second sample "Survey of Far East Radio Broadcasts" was prepared and distributed on 2 June 1950 for the purpose of suggesting one way in which the monitored portions of Far East radio broadcasts could be integrated and factually analyzed on a regular, periodic basis. Reactions received thus far have been favorable.

7. At the request of State Department, a graph was prepared showing, quantitatively, Soviet radio treatment of the "Western Economic Crisis" and submitted to DEX, OIR, Department of State.

8. During the transition period prior to the establishment of the new communications system between Cyprus and London, the Mediterranean Bureau has been permitted to increase its file from 10,000 to 15,000 words daily. It is expected that the 30,000 word ceiling under the new system will be available in August.

9. Material in the Western European and Near East Daily Report has been arranged under new area headings.

10. The practice instituted at West Coast Bureau of assembling briefs concerning a country or area into one message has facilitated rapid processing of such material for the Daily Report.

11. The German Bureau is now reporting from the services furnished by the Reactions Analysis Staff, Office of Public Affairs, HICOG, which consists chiefly of sonal surveys and public opinion polls.

12. Flexoline strips comprising a reference file for all Latin American and the bulk of European countries have been shipped to Field Bureaus.

13. A daily average of 15,000 words was filed to the HBC during June.

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